

29 November 1948

The Honorable James E. Webb
Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Webb:

In accordance with the President's letter of 6 November 1948, regarding proposed agency legislative programs for the coming session, the following information is set forth for your transmission to the President.

1. This Agency proposes to submit only one bill for consideration at the forthcoming session. This is basically a "housekeeping" bill which is designed primarily to aid in the administration and operations of this Agency.
2. The final draft of this bill, together with necessary supporting material, is virtually completed, and will be forwarded to you prior to 15 December.
3. This proposed bill is substantially the same as S. 2688 (Report No. 1302) and its companion measure H.R. 5871 (Report No. 1853) of the Eightieth Congress. S. 2688 was considered quite adequate, and it was passed by the Senate on 19 June 1948. Although unanimously approved by the Armed Services Committee in the House, it passed the Senate too late to reach a vote in the House prior to adjournment. In the subsequent months, certain additional provisions have suggested themselves, and these are being added to the current draft.
4. It would be helpful if this bill could be introduced at the very beginning of the session. The professional staffs of the Armed Services Committee,